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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
THE LEGAL ADVISER

May 15, 1969

TO : L - Mr. Richard Frank

FROM : L/C - Ernest L. Kerley

SUBJECT: Distribution of remaining funds received from the Government of Israel in settlement of the USS Liberty claims

Pursuant to Mr. Aldrich's authorization, we have already distributed $3,452,275 of $3,566,457 received from the Government of Israel in settlement of certain USS Liberty claims. This distribution was made to the 164 crew members of the USS Liberty who were injured in the attack.

There remains in the fund $114,182, which is the amount claimed on behalf of the US Government in connection with expenses incurred by the Department of the Navy in providing medical services to the injured men, and in reimbursing crew members for damaged or destroyed personal property. Consultations with Mrs. Lloyd, Assistant General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, and Commander Smith, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Navy, have established the procedure for crediting these funds to the Department of the Navy: a check payable to the Department of the Navy, to be sent to the US Navy Regional Finance Center, Washington, D. C. 20390. I am informed that this is the procedure provided for in 7 GAO Manual §11.4.

The Secretary has delegated to the Legal Adviser and Deputy Legal Adviser the authority to authorize and certify payment of international claims by the Department of the Treasury. (Tab A) The authority of the Secretary is granted by the Act of September 27, 1896 (31 U.S.C. 547). (Tab B)

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RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize and certify payment, from the funds deposited in the Department of the Treasury, to the Department of the Navy in the amount of $114,182.

Approved RAF

Date May 15, 1969

Attachments:

Tab A. Delegation of Authority No. 111, September 26, 1966.
Tab B. 31 U.S.C. 547.

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